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BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: July 16, 2018

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Susan DiNatale, CPM, Council Member, Presiding Chair Shannon Burdeshaw, CPM, Council Member (10:17 a.m.-10:25 a.m.) Kathleen McCarthy, CNM, Council Member Francis Montone, MD, Physician Council Member Philip Shlossman, MD, Physician Council Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Patricia Davis, Deputy Attorney General Devashree Singh, Executive Director

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Pat Gallagher, CPM, Chair, Council Member

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. DiNatale called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the January 29, 2018 minutes for approval. Dr. Shlossman moved, seconded by Dr. Montone to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Rules and Regulations Hearing – Section 3.0 Midwifery Record Keeping

At 10:09 a.m. the public hearing was called to order and verbatim testimony was recorded. Ms. Davis stated the purpose of the public hearing. The News Journal publication affidavit and the State News publication affidavit were marked as Council Exhibit 1 for the record. The Council introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Davis opened the floor to the public for comment. There were no comments from the public either in person or written. Ms. Davis informed the Council that the Council would deliberate at their

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next scheduled meeting and that the public comment period would remain open for 15 days. The Council would discuss any comments received or changes at their next scheduled meeting during deliberations. At 10:11 a.m. the hearing concluded and the Council went off the record.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Review Application(s) for Licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife

There were no applications for Certified Professional Midwifes for the Council to review.

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# **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Ms. Burdeshaw raised an issue regarding hospital transfers and required reporting for patients who decline to go to the hospital when an ambulance is called. Ms. Davis advised she will review the Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) regulations and standing orders to see if there is a reporting requirement. Ms. Singh advised she will add it to the agenda next time.

Ms. Burdeshaw requested Ms. Singh to add the Council's next meeting agenda discussion of regulation changes. Ms. Burdeshaw will provide Ms. Singh and the Council a copy of the proposed regulation changes.

Ms. DiNatale advised the Council she recently had a hospital transfer issue where a new born baby was placed in a car seat during an ambulance transfer. The baby was in respiratory distress according to Ms. DiNatale and the transport in the car seat exasperated the baby's breathing difficulties.

Ms. DiNatale also mentioned she is having difficulties ordering IV medications. Dr. Shlossman and Dr. Montone advised there is a national shortage of IV medication and other basic medications and that the hospitals are also experiencing the shortage of IVs and other medications.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were not public comments before the Council.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard in Dover.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DiNatale moved, seconded by Dr. Shlossman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devashree Singh, MBA Executive Director